

Table 62. Age-adjusted prevalence of current cigarette smoking by persons 25 years of age and over, according to sex, race, and education: United States, selected years 1974–95

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

<i>Sex, race, and education</i>	1974	1979	1983	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
25 years and over, age adjusted										
Percent of persons										
All persons ¹	37.1	33.3	31.7	30.2	25.6	26.0	26.5	24.8	25.1	24.6
Less than 12 years	43.8	41.1	40.8	41.0	36.7	37.4	36.7	35.8	37.5	35.7
12 years	36.4	33.7	33.6	32.1	29.3	29.7	30.7	28.3	29.2	29.0
13–15 years	35.8	33.2	30.3	29.7	23.5	24.7	24.6	24.5	24.9	22.9
16 or more years	27.5	22.8	20.7	18.6	14.1	13.9	15.3	13.6	11.9	13.6
All males ¹	43.0	37.6	35.1	32.9	28.3	28.4	28.2	27.2	27.4	26.4
Less than 12 years	52.4	48.1	47.2	46.0	41.8	42.4	41.2	41.0	43.9	39.7
12 years	42.6	39.1	37.4	35.6	33.2	32.9	33.3	30.5	31.7	32.6
13–15 years	41.6	36.5	33.0	33.0	25.9	27.2	26.1	27.4	27.3	24.0
16 or more years	28.6	23.1	21.8	19.7	14.6	14.8	15.8	14.6	13.2	13.9
White males ¹	41.9	36.9	34.5	31.9	27.7	27.3	27.6	26.3	26.6	26.0
Less than 12 years	51.6	48.0	47.9	45.2	41.7	41.8	41.4	39.7	42.6	38.8
12 years	42.2	38.6	37.1	34.8	33.0	32.4	32.9	29.7	31.7	32.7
13–15 years	41.4	36.4	32.6	32.3	25.4	26.0	25.9	26.9	26.9	23.6
16 or more years	28.1	22.8	21.1	19.2	14.5	14.7	15.0	14.1	12.7	13.4
Black males ¹	53.8	44.9	42.8	42.5	34.5	38.8	35.3	36.0	36.5	31.4
Less than 12 years	58.3	50.1	46.0	51.1	41.4	47.8	44.5	47.2	51.6	41.4
12 years	*51.2	48.4	47.2	41.9	37.4	39.6	38.7	36.4	37.1	36.4
13–15 years	*45.7	39.3	44.7	42.3	28.3	32.7	27.0	30.1	29.7	26.4
16 or more years	*41.8	*37.9	*31.3	*32.0	20.6	18.3	*26.9	*16.0	*25.9	*16.9
All females ¹	32.2	29.6	28.8	27.8	23.2	23.9	24.8	22.7	22.9	23.0
Less than 12 years	36.8	35.0	35.3	36.7	32.1	33.0	32.4	31.0	31.6	32.1
12 years	32.5	29.9	30.9	29.6	26.3	27.1	28.7	26.7	27.3	26.3
13–15 years	30.2	30.0	27.5	26.7	21.1	22.5	23.3	21.8	22.5	22.0
16 or more years	26.1	22.5	19.2	17.4	13.6	12.8	14.6	12.4	10.3	13.3
White females ¹	31.9	29.8	28.8	27.6	23.6	24.0	25.1	23.1	23.5	23.3
Less than 12 years	37.0	36.1	35.5	37.1	33.6	33.7	33.1	31.7	33.0	33.1
12 years	32.1	29.9	30.9	29.4	26.8	27.5	29.5	27.6	28.4	26.7
13–15 years	30.5	30.6	28.0	27.1	21.4	22.3	23.6	21.9	22.3	22.5
16 or more years	25.8	21.9	18.9	16.8	13.7	13.3	14.2	12.5	10.8	13.5
Black females ¹	35.9	30.6	31.8	32.1	22.6	25.5	26.8	22.2	23.0	25.7
Less than 12 years	36.4	31.9	36.9	39.2	26.8	33.3	33.2	29.8	30.1	31.6
12 years	41.9	33.0	35.2	32.3	24.0	26.0	25.9	23.9	22.5	27.9
13–15 years	33.2	*28.8	26.5	23.7	23.1	24.8	27.0	22.7	28.1	21.0
16 or more years	*35.2	*43.4	*38.7	27.5	16.9	14.4	*25.8	*13.3	*11.3	*18.0

* These age-adjusted percents should be considered unreliable because of small sample size. For age groups where percent smoking was 0 or 100, the age-adjustment procedure was modified to substitute the percent from the next lower education group.

¹Includes unknown education.

NOTES: The definition of current smoker was revised in 1992 and 1993. See discussion of current smoker in Appendix II. See Appendix II for age-adjustment procedure. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCE: Data computed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health and Utilization Analysis from data compiled by the Division of Health Interview Statistics.